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## **THINK FOOD**

### **School Nutrition Programs**

### **Shipment #3**

### **October 2012**



#### **SEND WORD NOW!**

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) directs the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide a means for state agencies to communicate directly to local school districts when a food safety recall, or other emergency related to USDA Foods, occurs. Send Word Now (SWN) is the on-demand alerting and response system that the USDA has contracted with to provide such a program for pilot schools. The SWN system allows alerts to be sent simultaneously in the event of a major USDA Foods recall. The HHFKA mandates that FNS provide a notification system to states, but state participation is voluntary.

The OPI School Nutrition Programs will be participating in the pilot program using this new system. All Montana National School Lunch Program (NSLP) sponsors contact information was downloaded into the Send Word Now program using the 2012 school year information reported on the 2012 NSLP agreements. In order for this program to be successful, all contact information must be current. The OPI Food Distribution office is in the process of updating all district's contact information with the 2012-13 school year information.

In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a **TEST** alert to verify that all school's information is correct. This program will be used to contact districts should there be a USDA Foods recall, so it is important that we have the correct contact information for every district. Click on the following link to update your superintendent and foodservice manager/director e-mail and phone information whenever a change takes place.

<https://data.opi.mt.gov/cnp/Login.asp>

If you have questions regarding this program, please contact School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501 or (406) 444-4415.

#### **ABC COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The fall ABC Committee meetings are scheduled for the week of October 22, 2012, with the first meeting in Miles City on October 23 at the Guest House Inn. The following meeting will be October 25 at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls and October 26 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Missoula.



#### **OCTOBER IS FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH**

As you gear up to celebrate the National School Lunch Week in October don't forget

that October has also been designated Farm to School Month.

For information regarding the Montana Farm to School Program, visit the OPI School Nutrition Programs Web site at: [http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1).



If you have questions about Farm to School Programs, contact Molly Stenberg at (406) 994-7217 or by e-mail at [stenberg@montana.edu](mailto:stenberg@montana.edu).



### SHIPPING COST CORRECTION

In the Shipment 1 issue of the Think Food the cost of shipping the USDA Foods was incorrectly listed as \$2.93 per case. The correct amount is \$3.03 per case. The total per case charge, including the \$1.25 warehouse handling fee, will be \$4.28 instead of the \$4.18 previously stated. We apologize for this error.

### USDA FOODS SHIPPING CHANGES

The USDA frozen eggs were not purchased for the September delivery. The USDA has moved them to November. They will not be on Shipment 4 and a replacement item has not been determined at this time.

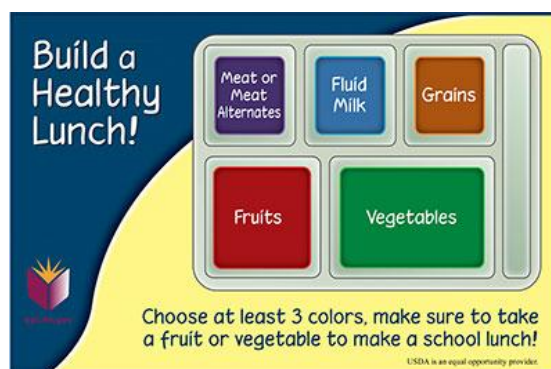


### "BUILD A HEALTHY LUNCH" POSTERS AVAILABLE

The OPI School Nutrition Programs wants to support your efforts in educating your students to recognize what a reimbursable lunch consists of. We have developed a poster and accompanying small meal component signs to be used at your serving lines to help kids build a healthy school lunch.

You may have received the poster at the 2012 Montana School Nutrition Association Conference in Great Falls in June, but you can now order the meal component signs to go along with your poster. If you didn't receive a Build a Healthy Lunch Poster, you can now order them online by going to <http://www.keysurvey.com/votingmodule/s180/f/454334/1cbf/>.

Thank you for your commitment to help students enjoy delicious and nutritious school meals so the will be ready to learn, play and grow. If you have questions, contact School Nutrition Programs office at (406) 444-2501, or the Montana Team Nutrition Office at (406) 994-5641.



### AVAILABLE USDA FOODS

The following USDA Foods are still available: **Charbroiled Beef Patties** \$53.55, Cheddar Yellow Shrd \$67.59, Mozzarella LMPS Shrd \$82.10, **Chicken Pattie Tenders** \$13.74, Oven Rstd Chicken 8 PC \$76.47, Flour AP \$9.61, Flour B \$11.25, Flour WW \$11.49, Pancakes WG \$10.30, Peanut Butter \$23.35, Potato Rounds \$14.96, Potato Wedges \$17.02, Potatoes-Oven Fries \$14.73, Rice Brn LG GRN \$23.52, Spaghetti Sauce \$12.55, Spaghetti WG \$7.85, Tomato Paste \$22.80 and Tomato Sauce \$12.37.